with this part must sign and implement a DoS prior to any vessel-to-vessel interface.

- (d) At MARSEC Levels 2 and 3, the Master, VSO, or designated representative of any vessel required to comply with this part must sign and implement a DoS with the FSO of any facility on which it calls prior to any cargo transfer operation or passenger embarkation or disembarkation.
- (e) At MARSEC Levels 1 and 2, VSOs of vessels that frequently interface with the same facility may implement a continuing DoS for multiple visits, provided that:
- (1) The DoS is valid for the specific MARSEC Level;
- (2) The effective period at MARSEC Level 1 does not exceed 90 days; and
- (3) The effective period at MARSEC Level 2 does not exceed 30 days.
- (f) When the MARSEC Level increases beyond the level contained in the DoS, the continuing DoS becomes void and a new DoS must be signed and implemented in accordance with this section.
- (g) The COTP may require at any time, at any MARSEC Level, any manned vessel subject to this part to implement a DoS with the VSO or FSO prior to any vessel-to-vessel or vessel-to-facility interface when he or she deems it necessary.

## § 104.260 Security systems and equipment maintenance.

- (a) Security systems and equipment must be in good working order and inspected, tested, calibrated and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- (b) The results of testing completed under paragraph (a) of this section shall be recorded in accordance with §104.235. Any deficiencies shall be promptly corrected.
- (c) The Vessel Security Plan (VSP) must include procedures for identifying and responding to security system and equipment failures or malfunctions.

## § 104.265 Security measures for access control.

(a) *General.* The vessel owner or operator must ensure the implementation of security measures to:

- (1) Deter the unauthorized introduction of dangerous substances and devices, including any device intended to damage or destroy persons, vessels, facilities, or ports;
- (2) Secure dangerous substances and devices that are authorized by the owner or operator to be on board; and
  - (3) Control access to the vessel.
- (b) The vessel owner or operator must ensure that:
- (1) The locations providing means of access to the vessel where access restrictions or prohibitions are applied for each Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level to prevent unauthorized access. "Means of access" include, but are not limited, to all:
  - (i) Access ladders;
  - (ii) Access gangways;
  - (iii) Access ramps;
- (iv) Access doors, side scuttles, windows, and ports;
- (v) Mooring lines and anchor chains; and
- (vi) Cranes and hoisting gear;
- (2) The identification of the types of restriction or prohibition to be applied and the means of enforcing them; and
- (3) The means of identification required to allow individuals to access the vessel and remain on the vessel without challenge are established.
- (c) The vessel owner or operator must ensure that an identification system is established for checking the identification of vessel personnel or other persons seeking access to the vessel that:
- (1) Allows identification of authorized and unauthorized persons at any MARSEC Level;
- (2) Is coordinated, when practicable, with identification systems at facilities used by the vessel;
  - (3) Is updated regularly;
- (4) Uses disciplinary measures to discourage abuse;
- (5) Allows temporary or continuing access for vessel personnel and visitors, including seafarer's chaplains and union representatives, through the use of a badge or other system to verify their identity; and
- (6) Allow certain long-term, frequent vendor representatives to be treated more as employees than as visitors.
- (d) The vessel owner or operator must establish in the approved Vessel Security Plan (VSP) the frequency of